

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-3 and 6-8 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A communication apparatus capable of
executing plural kinds of communication protocols,
comprising:

a first data modem;

a second data modem;

a first protocol modem;

a second protocol modem, wherein the communication
protocols include a first communication protocol for setting
an operation mode of said first data modem to communicate
image data by using said first protocol modem to communicate
protocol signals, the communication protocols further
including a second communication protocol for setting said
second data modem to communicate image data by using said
second protocol modem to communicate protocol signals;

first detection means for detecting a call signal;

second detection means for detecting ID information
[of] for identifying a partner station sent between call
signals;

memory means for storing information of a
communication system of the partner station in association
with the ID information of the partner station; and

means for reading the information of the
communication system of the partner station from said memory

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means in accordance with the ID information of the partner station detected by said second detection means at the time of the detection of the call signal, and selecting one of the first and second communication protocols to be executed in accordance with the read information of the communication system.

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2. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

means for registering the ID information of the partner station and the information of the communication system to said memory means in accordance with the executed communication protocol.

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3. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein [said] the ID information [of] for identifying the partner station is telephone number information, and said registration means stores the information of the communication system to said memory means when calling is selected for the telephone number information having the information of the communication system of the partner station stored therein in association with the telephone number information between call signals.

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~~6. (Amended)~~ A communication method capable of executing plural kinds of communication protocols, wherein

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the communication protocols include a first communication protocol for setting an operation mode of a first data modem to communicate image data by using a first protocol modem to communicate protocol signals, the communication protocols further including a second communication protocol for setting a second data modem to communicate image data by using a second protocol modem to communicate protocol signals, said method comprising:

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a first detection step of detecting a call signal;

a second detection step of detecting ID information [of] for identifying a partner station sent between call signals;

a memory step of storing in a memory information of a communication system of the partner station in association with the ID information of the partner station; and

a step of reading the information of the communication system for detected information of the partner station from said memory in accordance with the ID information of the partner station detected by said second detection step at the time of the detection of the call signal, and selecting one of the first and second communication protocols to be executed in accordance with the read information of the communication system.

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7. (Amended) A communication method according to Claim 6, further comprising.

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a step of registering the ID information of the partner station and the information of the communication system to said memory in accordance with the executed communication protocol.

8. (Amended) A communication method according to Claim 7, wherein [said] the ID information [of] for identifying the partner station is telephone number information, and said step of registering stores the information of the communication system to said memory when calling is selected for the telephone number information having the information of the communication system of the partner station stored therein in association with the telephone number information between call signals.

Add Claims 11-24 as follows.

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11. A communication apparatus having a plurality of modems for executing plural types of communication protocols for image communication, said apparatus comprising:
detection means for detecting reception of a call signal;

receiving means for receiving ID information for identifying a partner station transmitted at a time of reception of the call signal;

selection means for selecting, on the basis of ID information that is received by said receiving means after said detection means detects reception of the call signal, at least one of the plurality of modems; and

communication means for conducting communication with the partner station using a protocol corresponding to the at least one modem selected by said selecting means.

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12. A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said receiving means receives the ID information between receptions of successive calling signals.

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13. A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, further comprising memory means for storing, in association with each of plural registered ID information respectively identifying one of a plurality of partner stations, a communication protocol which the respective partner station can utilize, wherein said selection means selects the at least one modem on the basis of the ID information received by said receiving means and the registered ID information stored in said memory means.

14. A communication apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising update means for updating the communication protocols stored in said memory means.

15. A communication apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising counting means for counting a predetermined time, wherein said update means updates the communication protocols stored in said memory means when said counting means has counted the predetermined time.

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16. A communication apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising count means for counting a number of communications performed by said communication apparatus to each partner station corresponding to the respective registered ID information stored in said memory means, wherein said update means updates the respective communication protocol for each partner apparatus when said count means has counted a predetermined number of communications for that partner station.

17. A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the ID information received by said receiving means is a telephone number of the partner station.

18. A control method for controlling a communication apparatus having a plurality of modems for executing plural types of communication protocols for image communication, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting reception of a call signal;

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receiving ID information for identifying a partner station transmitted at a time of reception of the call signal;

selecting, on the basis of ID information that is received at said receiving step after said detecting step detects reception of the call signal, at least one of the plurality of modems; and

communicating with the partner station using a protocol corresponding to the at least one modem selected at said selecting step.

19. A method according to Claim 18, wherein said receiving step receives the ID information between receptions of successive calling signals.

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20. A method according to Claim 18, further comprising a step of storing in a memory, in association with each of plural registered ID information respectively identifying one of a plurality of partner stations, a communication protocol which the respective partner station can utilize, wherein said selection step selects the at least one modem on the basis of the ID information received in said receiving step and the registered ID information stored in the memory.

21. A method according to Claim 20, further comprising a step of updating the communication protocols stored in the memory.

22. A method according to Claim 21, further comprising a step of counting a predetermined time, wherein said update step updates the communication protocols stored in the memory when said counting step has counted the predetermined time.

23. A method according to Claim 21, further comprising a step of counting a number of communications performed by the communication apparatus to each partner station corresponding to the respective registered ID information stored in the memory, wherein said update step updates the respective communication protocol for each partner apparatus when said counting step has counted a predetermined number of communications for that partner station.

24. A method according to Claim 18, wherein the ID information received at said receiving step is a telephone number of the partner station.